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LifeWay acquires
digital companies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP and local reports) — LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention, headquartered in Nashville, announced it has acquired WORDsearch Corp., an Austin, Texas-based company that produces software and electronic books for the Christian market since 1987, and QuickVerse, an Omaha, Ne.-based company that produces software to simplify biblical research. Purchase prices were not disclosed.

"There is unprecedented growth in practically every area of digital media," LifeWay President Thom Rainer said, "and we continue to seek opportunities to leverage these technologies in spiritually-transforming ways. By bringing the strengths of WORDsearch and QuickVerse into the LifeWay portfolio of Christ-centered resources, we offer customers a more robust collection of exciting Kingdom tools."

N.Y. victory seen as momentum builder

ALBANY, N.Y. (BP and local reports) — The successful push in late June to legalize same sex marriage in the state of New York did far more than change state law. It also served to motivate activists on both sides of the issue in other states and could impact the 2012 U.S. presidential election.

The bill passed the Republican-controlled state Senate on June 24 on a 33-29 vote, and Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed it into law just before midnight. Voting for it in the Senate were 29 Democrats and four Republicans. The Democrat-controlled state Assembly, the equivalent of Mississippi's House of Representatives, had already passed it. The new law will take effect 30 days from the signing.

The issue, thought to be on the national back burner just a few weeks ago, is front and center once again and could find its way on the ballot in as many as five states, with two of them (Maine and Oregon) possibly legalizing same sex marriage and two (Minnesota and North Carolina) going in the opposite direction by proposing to change state constitutions to define marriage as between a man and a woman.

It could appear on the ballot in a fifth state, Maryland, if a bill legalizing same sex marriage passes that state's legislature and citizens there try to reverse the law.

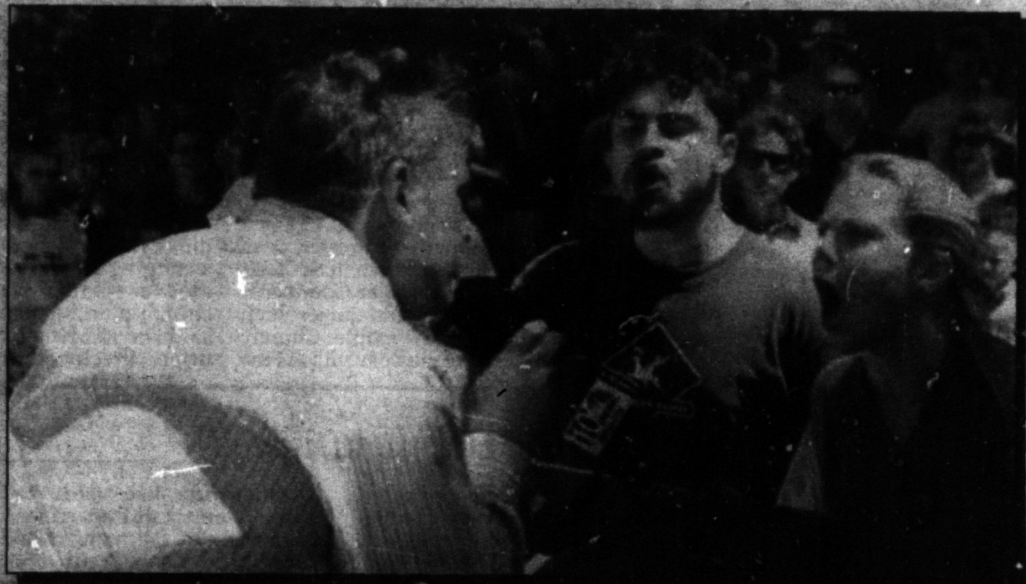
All total, at least 10 states could see same sex marriage as a major political issue next year — many of them battleground states for the 2012 presidential race.

Supporters of same sex marriage seem to have the momentum right now, and they may have added to it July 2 when Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee, a former Republican U.S. Senator and now an Independent, signed a bill legalizing same-sex civil unions. That action made the state the ninth to pass a law granting same sex couples the legal benefits of marriage without using the word, "marriage."

The bill, though, fell short of what homosexual activists had wanted: full legal standing for same sex marriages.

Jimmy Porter, executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission in Jackson, said there is currently no viable political movement in Mississippi to legalize same sex marriage.

"The Christian Action Commission is not aware of any group or groups proposing legislation to legalize same sex marriages in Mississippi, now or the near future. The elected leadership in Mississippi is and will be very conservative and committed to the definition of marriage as stated in The Mississippi Marriage Amendment — which passed in November 2004 with 86% in favor."



SHOUTING MATCH — Supporters of same sex marriage storm the podium at a pro-traditional marriage rally in Providence, R.I., in an attempt to drown out National Organization for Marriage President Brian Brown (left). On July 2, Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Chafee signed a bill into law that legalizes civil unions in the state. (BP photo)

The Mississippi constitutional amendment also bars legal recognition of same sex marriages performed in other states and foreign jurisdictions.

Brian Brown is president of the National Organization for Marriage in Washington, D.C., an organization that promotes traditional marriage and family values. He believes the other side is not winning. His group helped defeat same sex marriage in Maine in 2009 and California in 2008, and has pledged two million dollars to defeat Republican legislators in New York who voted for the same sex marriage bill.

"We've never lost a popular vote," Brown told Baptist Press. "New York was a big loss, but it was unique because it involved the corruption of Albany (the state capitol) and Republicans being willing to sell out their voters for promises of money... You have civil unions instead of same sex marriage in Rhode Island, and that's a pretty stunning defeat for supporters of same sex marriage. Rhode Island is one of the most Democratically-controlled states in the country."

"Gay marriage is going to be a major, major issue in the presidential election." Here is where the issue stands in several key states:

- Minnesota: Voters there will decide a constitutional amendment in 2012 that would define marriage in the traditional sense. The vote in the left-leaning state could swing the momentum back to traditionalists, or it could make Minnesota the first state to defeat such an amendment at the ballot.
- North Carolina: The legislature, led by Republicans for the first time since

1898, is expected to vote later this year or early next year and place a marriage amendment on the 2012 ballot. North Carolina is the only state without a marriage amendment in what generally is considered to be the Southeast region.

- Iowa: The Iowa legislature may have the votes to place a constitutional marriage amendment on the ballot, but Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal, a Democrat and same sex marriage supporter, says he won't allow a vote.

Traditionalists say they'll make it an issue in 2012. Republicans control the state House but Democrats hold a 26-24 edge in the Senate. Same sex marriage is legal in the state via court order.

- New Hampshire: The Republican-led legislature is expected by early next year to try to reverse the state's same sex marriage law, which was passed when Democrats were in control. The bill likely will pass, but it is unknown whether the Republicans have the votes to override a veto by Democratic Gov. John Lynch.

The vote could make the issue a significant one in the Republican Party's first-in-the-nation primary there.

- Maine: After losing in 2009, homosexual groups in the state say they will try in 2012 to legalize same sex marriage at the ballot. The two groups — Equality Maine and Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders — must collect 57,000 signatures.
- Maryland: A bill to legalize same sex marriage could come up again in the Maryland legislature this year or next year, after it failed to gain majority support in March. Supporters hope the New York victory will boost their chances.

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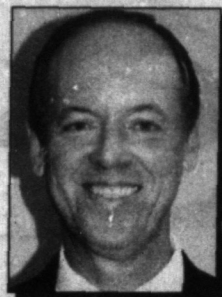
Murphy, Ervin chosen for MBCB posts

JACKSON, Ms. (Special) — Slater Murphy, long-time associate pastor/music at Fairview Church, Columbus, was elected June 28 by the executive committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB) to serve as the board's new Church Music Director. He replaces L. Graham Smith, who retired in December 2009.

"He is a man of character who displays the traits of our Lord through his service. Slater has a strong work ethic and places the Lord as the priority of his life," said Steve Stone, MBCB associate executive director for church growth, in recommending Murphy for the post. "He is a leader among leaders."

A native of New Orleans, Murphy holds a bachelor of music degree ('79) from Baptist-affiliated William Carey University in Hattiesburg and a master of church music degree ('82) from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Prior to being called to Fairview Church in 1985, he served as volunteer minister of music at Lake Forest Church in New Orleans; music assistant at Main Street Church, Hattiesburg; summer minister of music/youth at St. Rose Church in St. Rose, La.; minister of music/youth at Goodwater Church, Magee; organist and junior high youth choir director at Temple Church, Hattiesburg; minister of music/youth at First



Murphy

Slater and his wife Marsha have been married for 28 years. They have two adult children: Brian, who is married to LeAnn, and Laura.

The executive committee also tapped Johnny Ervin of Madison to serve as part-time transitional director for church planting at the convention board. He replaces Ed Deuschle, who retired at the end of 2010.

"The (church planting) work needs to move from a denominationally-driven to a congregationally-driven platform if we are to realize significant growth in church planting capacity for the future," said David Michel, MBCB associate executive director for mission strategy, in

Church, Sellersburg, Ind.; and minister of music at Temple Church, Memphis (now located in Olive Branch).

He has also served the Mississippi Singing Churchmen as accompanist for 26 years, and as president in 2007-08. He was also chairman of the MBCB order of business committee in 1999.



Ervin

Starkville. He also attended the Edison Electric Institute's Executive Leadership Program in 1992, The Aspen Institute in 1996, and Harvard University Business School's Advanced Management Program in 1997. He retired from Entergy Services, Inc., in 2004.

He has served as church planting catalyst, small group coordinator/team consultant, and finance team leader for LifeBridge Church in Madison. He also served as hurricane relief coordinator for Crosspoint Church in Gulfport from 2004-2008.

Ervin and his wife of 41 years, Sylvia, have two adult sons, Matthew and Mark, and three grandchildren.

recommending Ervin to the executive committee. "Johnny Ervin is a key leader who surfaced during the research and planning phase of our church planting transition."

Ervin holds a bachelor of science in industrial engineering degree ('71) from Mississippi State University in Starkville. He also attended the Edison Electric Institute's Executive Leadership Program in 1992, The Aspen Institute in 1996, and Harvard University Business School's Advanced Management Program in 1997. He retired from Entergy Services, Inc., in 2004.

riage will have a host of negative effects on religious liberty, impacting what is taught in schools and forcing private businesses and some religiously affiliated public organizations to endorse that to which they are morally opposed.

Mormon newspaper swallows fake SBC story, forced to print retraction

SALT LAKE CITY (BP and local reports) — A Mormon-owned newspaper in Utah fell for a hoax and printed a story that said the Southern Baptist Convention had backed same sex marriage, but deleted the story from its online edition when notified of the error and published an apology and retraction in its print edition.

The Deseret News, based in Salt Lake City, posted the story on its website July 8 with the headline, "Southern Baptists accept gay marriage," and left it there more than 15 hours before pulling it after receiving phone calls and emails. It also appeared in Saturday's print edition, on page two of the Faith section.

On July 9, the newspaper posted a follow-up story on its website acknowledging the error with the headline, "Southern Baptist gay marriage story a hoax." That story was also printed in the July 10 edition.

Newspaper representatives were apologetic Saturday when contacted by Southern Baptist Convention representatives. The Deseret News, owned by a subsidiary of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is the state's second largest newspaper behind the Salt Lake Tribune.

The false story was based on a fake press release from June 28 that claimed the Southern Baptist Convention was on the verge of formally supporting same sex marriage and repenting of its stance on homosexuality. The press release claimed to be from the Southern Baptist Convention, and came complete with

a phone number and website — neither of which was a true SBC number or Internet site. Later in the day June 28, the group behind the press release, the Center for Responsible Christian Living, acknowledged it was a hoax.

"The Deseret News published the story based on a press release received at the Deseret News offices," the second Deseret News story read. "It is Deseret News policy to call on all press releases and verify the information received. This did not happen in this circumstance. The Deseret News regrets the error, and offers apologies to our readers for having failed to do our duty responsibly. Special apologies are directed to the Southern Baptist community."

The retraction did not explain why the story was published in the newspaper more than 10 days after the hoax was first exposed in the national news media.

The Center for Responsible Christian Living, which is apparently based in Nashville but does not have a website or a spokesperson, said June 28 the hoax was to "highlight the Southern Baptists' anti-gay stance as both irresponsible and unchristian."

The Deseret News' story quoted Roger S. (Sing) Oldham, vice president for convention communications for the SBC Executive Committee, as telling Baptist Press, "Southern Baptists do not think it irresponsible or unchristian to uphold clear biblical teachings on human sexuality and marriage."

Chinese Christians defy orders not to meet

BEIJING (BP) — Another 19 members of Shouwang Church in Beijing were arrested July 3 when they met outdoors despite restrictions imposed by authorities to control unrest during the Chinese Communist Party's 90th anniversary celebration.

Church members defied the Chinese government for the 13th consecutive week with the outdoor service. The illegal church, which was evicted from its leased meeting space in April, reported in a translated statement on ChinaAid.org that police were waiting outside the church's designated worship site, an open-air plaza in northwest Beijing, and "only a few dozen people" were able to meet because, "many believers were under stricter detainment at home. Some individuals were taken to be detained in hotels nearby."

All but two of the 19 people arrested were released by midnight, and one was released the next day.

Some church members have lost their homes or jobs and others have been subjected to verbal abuse because of their faith. Shouwang's strength and endurance through persecution has been noted by churches all over the world, and members of Shouwang say the government's restrictions have not stunted the spread of the Gospel.

"As we suffer together with the Lord and take the cross

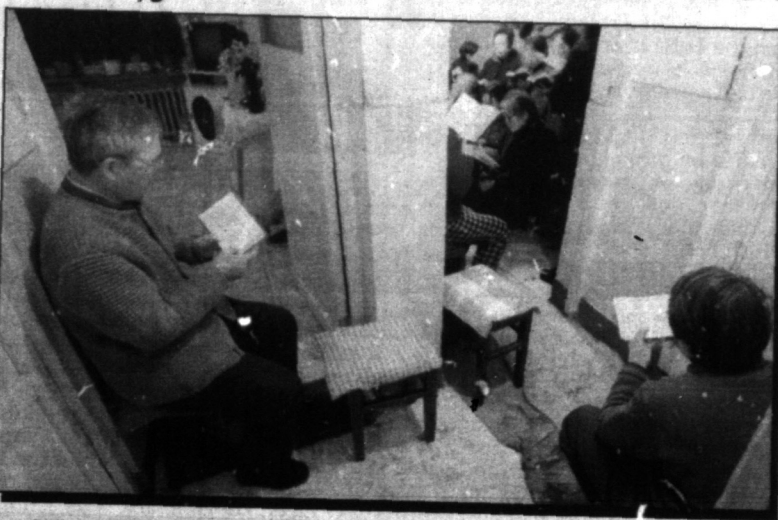
together with him, our life is deeply rooted and is growing, so does our church take root and grow in this city and this country," the church said in its latest statement. "God's work is achieved through the cross, and all the disciples who are bearing the cross with the Lord are blessed."

Not wanting any unrest during the Communist Party's anniversary on July 1, police action against the church members began even earlier than the previous weeks according to ChinaAid, a group that monitors religious freedom in China.

Shouwang Church, which is one of the largest house churches in Beijing with nearly 1,000 members, is not a legal church. Only churches that are registered with the government and are members of the Three-Self Patriotic Church are considered legal.

With government registration come regulations that forbid evangelism, Sunday School, and baptizing minors, said Bob Fu, president and founder of ChinaAid.

Although members are in their third month with no indoor facility and continue



CHINA HOUSE CHURCH — Meeting weekly for several hours at a time, house church members in Harbin and elsewhere in China often must move from home to home, so as to not attract too much attention. Still, many groups like this one have grown as curious neighbors are led to Christ. (BP photo)

to face persecution and time in prison for expressing their beliefs, the Chinese Christians said they continue to see God's divine hand working through their trials.

"We have seen God's work of protection and guidance for Shouwang Church," the church said. "The long-lasting battle has not demolished God's church. On the contrary, it helps us to see that the fire of life lighted by God in this church continues to burn, and that no force in this world can extinguish it."

More than 160 people were

arrested at the first outdoor meeting of Shouwang Church after the loss of their meeting facility. The weeks that followed have also been filled with arrests:

- Week 2, 50 arrests.
- Week 3, 40 arrests.
- Week 4, 30 arrests.
- Week 5, 13 arrests.
- Week 6, 20 arrests.
- Week 7, 25 arrests.
- Week 8, 20 arrests.
- Week 9, 20 arrests.
- Week 10, 14 arrests.
- Week 11, 14 arrests.
- Week 12, 15 arrests.
- Week 13, 19 arrests.

Iranian authorities: recant conversion or face execution

TEHRAN, Iran (Special) — An Iranian Christian pastor's life hangs in the balance as that country's judicial system kicks his death sentence from court to court.

According to a report from the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) in Washington, D.C., Youcef Nadarkhani, 32, of the Church of Iran



Nadarkhani

Christian denomination was arrested in his home city of Rasht on October 13, 2009, while attempting to register his church. He was arrested because he had allegedly questioned an Iranian government policy that requires all children, regardless of their faith, to be taught Islamic teachings.

When he pointed out that the Iranian constitution grants freedom of religion, local police demanded that he appear before a political tribunal where he was arrested and imprisoned on charges of unlawful apostasy and evangelism to Muslims.

An Iranian court convicted him in 2010 and sentenced

him to death by hanging. On June 28, 2011, the Supreme Court in the Shia holy city of Qom, remanded his case to a lower court but upheld the apostasy conviction and death sentence.

If Nadarkhani does not renounce his Christian faith. It is a widely-held tenet of the Islamic faith

that Muslims who switch to other religions must recant their conversion or face death.

In a letter sent to the Iranian Mission at the United Nations, the U.S. State Department, members of the U.S. Congress, and foreign leaders, ACLJ wrote, "Imposing the death penalty for changing religion blatantly violates one of the most fundamental of all human rights. The right to freedom of religion is enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which Iran has pledged to uphold.

Moreover, this fundamental right is enshrined in Iran's Constitution. Article 23 of the Iranian Constitution provides that the "investigation of individuals' beliefs is forbidden, and no one may be molested or taken to task simply for holding a certain belief."

Meanwhile, Cable News Network (CNN) reported that a second Iranian Christian pastor may be arrested under similar charges that carry the death penalty. In the southern city of

Shiraz, Behrouz Sadegh-Khanjani, 35, is facing a possible indictment for apostasy.

"This is part of a greater trend of persecution against Christians," Firouz Sadegh-Khanjani, brother of Behrouz and member of the Church of Iran's Executive Council, told CNN.

The last known execution in Iran for refusing to recant a conversion from Islam to Christianity occurred in 1990, when Assemblies of God Pastor Hussein Sodmand was hanged.

Looking back

10 years ago

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board hires Ian Richardson as director of the board's new Communications Services Department, and Michael Ball as the director of the Baptist Student Union at Mississippi State University.

20 years ago

Woman's Missionary Union volunteers from Illinois and Mississippi conduct Backyard Bible Clubs and evening Vacation Bible Schools at the Choctaw Indian Reservation in Neshoba County. The 18 participants also hold afternoon sewing classes, blood pressure checks, and choir leadership training.

30 years ago

The Mexican Baptist Convention and the Baptist General Convention of Texas officially merge, ending 51 years of separate operations.



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2. I want forgiveness for my
sins and freedom from eternal
death. (I repent.)

3. I believe Jesus died and rose
from the grave to forgive my
sins and to restore my relationship
with you. (I believe in Jesus.)

4. By faith, I invite Jesus
Christ into my life. From this
time on, I want to live in a loving
relationship with Him. (I
receive Christ as my Savior
and Lord.)

"But as many as received him,
to them he gave the right to become
children of God, even to those who
believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for
Jesus Christ today, contact a
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guidance.

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Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Luke Eight: For y-six

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MORE SERVANTS TO PRAY FOR

As so many of you are part of the team that is Covering Mississippi in Prayer, I trust that the Lord is doing for you what He is doing for me on virtually a day by day basis. He is expanding my view of how to pray and for whom I need to be praying. All three directions of prayer — self, servants, and souls — have carried me into experiences which I had never considered. I have been immensely blessed as well as challenged.

Today I want to mention a group of servants that you and I can pray for, and while I have included friends and family members that I know who fall into this category, beyond that there are folks who I have just seen in action serving. Recently, I was reminded to give even more attention to this particular group of servants and to increase the circle of this prayer for group. Who are they? They are physicians. Many of them skillfully, carefully, and lovingly meet the needs of hurting people all day long. On Monday following Father's Day, I was reminded of my responsibility of praying for them in a vivid manner.

I was on the road doing my early morning walk when a doctor friend of mine was on his way to the hospital. He slowed down, rolled his window down, and paused to talk for a moment. I asked him, "Did you have a good Father's Day?" With a look of deep concern on his face he said, "No, I really didn't. It was a pretty bad day." I said, "Did you work?" He responded, "Yes, I was on call and it was not good." For whatever reason (I think the prompting of God), he had been on my mind and heart that Father's Day. I had been praying for him wherever he might be. Little did I know where he was and what was taking place in his life. Although I really thought that he was probably at work, I had no idea what he was dealing with during those hours.

On that Father's Day, three young men came in to the hospital having heart attacks. The



Directions

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Prayer Points

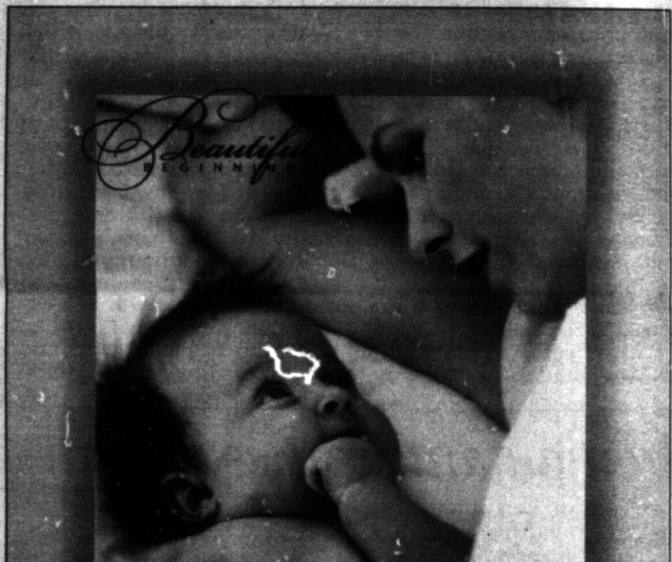
oldest of them was in his early 40's and was from out of state. He was simply passing through central Mississippi. He was having some difficulty and came to the hospital. Try as they might, they were not able to save him and on Father's Day this man's life on earth concluded. The ministry of caring medicine did not stop there, because this man's children were on the trip with him. Though this doctor was away from his family, he moved on to another family and another need, drawing on all of his skills as he sought to bring help to others.

One day recently, I saw the same doctor in the hospital. As we visited I jokingly remarked to him that it took me a while but I had finally figured out that doctors were not too smart. He looked at me kind of funny. I went on to say that the reason I said that was I knew that they study for years, hone

their skills, and sharpen their minds. Then many times as I get up, start my day, and am on an early morning walk at 5:30 or 6:30, the only people I see going to work are doctors. They work all day and into the night, so I am assuming that they must not be too bright. As I hope you know and he understood, it was just a back-handed compliment because this physician is both gifted, and hardworking.

As I reflected on his Father's Day experiences, I thought of

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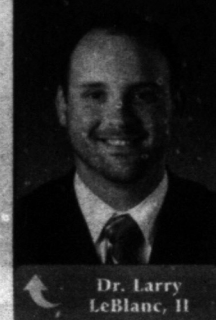
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9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Miss. Baptist Convention Board
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601.292.3226 (Robin's office)

Tuesday, Aug. 30

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601.656.1820 (office)

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Pray for: a team of 10 from Briar Hill BC, Florence, traveling to Argentina to minister through evangelism, July 18-July 26.

Pray for: a team of 13 from Calhoun BA, traveling to Peru to minister through Bible Conference, July 19-July 26.

Pray for: a Missions Mobilization team of 12, traveling to East Asia to minister by providing child care for a Workers' Retreat, July 20-August 1.

Pray for: a team of 10 from Jones County Junior College BSU, traveling to Moldova to minister through English Bible Camp and evangelism, July 21-August 4.

Pray for: a team of five from FBC, Long Beach, traveling to Peru to minister through church planting, July 15-July 24.

Pray for: a team of eight from FBC, Clinton, traveling to Montana to minister through construction and Bible study, July 16-July 23.

Pray for: a team of seven from Jackson County BA, traveling to Alaska to minister through construction, July 22-August 1.

Pray for: a team of nine from FBC, Tupelo, as they travel to Japan to minister through children's ministry and corporate men's ministry, July 23-August 3.

Pray for: Meredith R., serving as an extended short-term volunteer in Southeast Asia.

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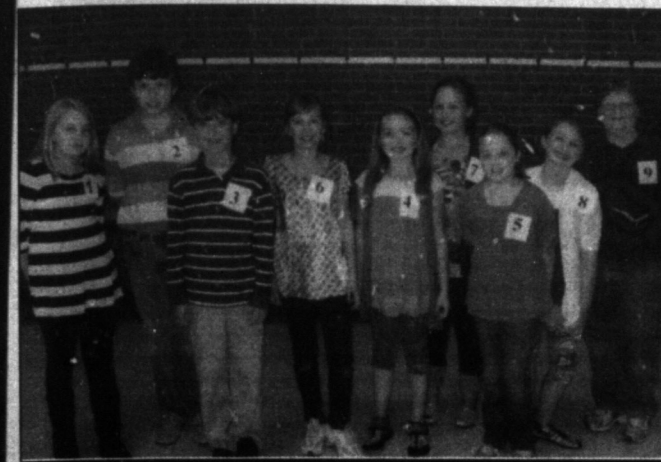
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HOUSE TOPS

BIBLE DRILLS



1. First Church, Tupelo



2. Walthall Church



3. Chester Church



4. Raymond Road, Jackson

1. First Church, Tupelo, recognizes its Bible Drillers. Left to right, Kaylee O'Quinn, Jay Henderson, Benjamin Russell, Ginger Holloway, Cate Burroughs, Cayley Cox, Liza Kate Gregory, Claire Burroughs, Eli Flowers.
2. Walthall Church, Webster Association, recognizes its Younger Children and Youth Bible Drill Teams.
3. Chester Church, Ackerman, recognizes its Youth Bible Drillers and Leaders. Top row, (leader) Tommy Cagle, J.T. Tennyson, Roman Ramirez, Brady Cagle, Jace Pearson; bottom row, Hayley Thomas, Alex Ivy, Ginny Beth Ivy, Marilyn Ramirez, Olivia Ivy, and (leader) Shelia Cagle.
4. Raymond Road Church, Jackson, recognizes its Bible drillers. Shown are Ashleigh Beasley, Ansley Myers, Annemarie Russell, Brittney Beasley, Ashley Myers, Bennett Blaylock, and Courtney Evans. Rene' Warren, Bible drill leader; Cindy Sansing, minister to children.

REVIVALS AND HOMECOMINGS

1. Calvary Church, Carroll County: Revival, July 24 - 27; Sun., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; evening services through Wednesday; Joseph Sansing, speaker; Benny Rigby, music.
2. Crane Creek Church, Perkinston: Homecoming, July 31; 125 year celebration, 11 a.m., followed by fellowship meal; Kevin Clifton, speaker.
3. Heucks Retreat Church, Brookhaven: Homecoming, July 17; no Sunday School, service, 10 a.m., followed by lunch; Thad Owens Jr., speaker; Stacey Smith, music; Ken Parvin, pastor.
4. Old Hebron Church, New Hebron: Revival, July 24 - 27; Sun., 11 a.m. service, followed by lunch, 1:30 p.m. service, no evening service; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Jay Westbrook, speaker; Donald Walker, music; Michael Giles, interim pastor.
5. Jerusalem Church, Kosciusko: Homecoming and revival, July 17 - 20, Sun. service 11 a.m., followed by lunch, service 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., services 7 p.m.; Wayne Hudson, speaker.
6. First Church, Satartia: Homecoming and revival, July 17 - 20; Sun., homecoming service; Mon. - Wed., revival services, 7 p.m.; Bobby Anderson, homecoming speaker; Caleb Clark, revival speaker.
7. Brush Creek Church, Walnut: Revival, Aug. 7 - 10; Sun., regular service time; Mon. - Wed., services, 7 p.m.; special singing; Johnny Rakestraw, speaker; Carrol Talley, pastor.
8. Bradford Chapel Church, Calhoun County: Revival, July 24-29; Sun. - Fri., services, 7 p.m.; Wayne Hudson, speaker; Barry Worrell, music.
9. Line Creek Church, Morton: Revival, July 17 - 20; Sun., service, 11 a.m., followed by lunch; singing, 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., services, 7 p.m.; Tommy Anderson, speaker; Curtis Carter, music; Tal Vardaman, pastor.
10. Cedar Grove Church, Lena: Revival, July 24 - 27; Sun., services, 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., services 7 p.m.; Michael W. Courtney, speaker; Henry Heitmann, pastor.
11. Branch Church, Morton: Revival, July 17 - 20; Sun. - Wed., services, 7 p.m.; James Messer, speaker; Byron Green, music.
12. Cash Church, Scott County: Revival, July 24 - 29; Sun., service, 10:45 a.m., potluck lunch to follow; Mon. - Fri., services, 7 p.m.; Ken McLemore, speaker; Cliff Horton, music; M. L. Wallace, pastor.
13. McAdams Church, Attala Association: Revival, July 24 - 27; Sun., services, 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., services, 7 p.m.; Ralph Hunt, speaker; Michele Jones, music; James E. Young, pastor.
14. New Home Church, Scott Association: Revival, July 17 - 20; Sun., service, 11 a.m., followed by lunch; Mon. - Wed., services, 7:30 p.m.; Charlie Long, speaker; Ronnie and Bev Cottingham, music; Billy McKay, pastor.
15. Robinson Church, Amite County: Revival, July 15 - 17; Fri., service, 7 p.m., followed by Ice Cream Fellowship; Sat., service, 7 p.m.; Sun., service, 11 a.m., followed by lunch and singing; Benji Pyeatt, speaker, pastor; Ray Campbell, music.
16. Wheeler Grove Church, Alcorn County: Revival, July 24 - 27; Sun., services, 10 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., services, 7 p.m.; Phil Hoskins, speaker; special music; nursery provided.
17. Mt. Olivet Church, Scott County: Homecoming, July 17; service, 10:30 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds; Bruce Robinson, speaker, pastor.
18. Mt. Vernon Church, Liberty: Homecoming, July 17; service, 10:30 a.m., followed by dinner; Larry Blades, speaker; Philip Alford, music; Jerry Causey, pastor.
19. Mt. Pleasant Church, Gloster: Homecoming and revival, July 17 - 20; Sun., service, 11 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds, no evening service; Mon. - Wed., services, 7 p.m.; Rick Kennedy, speaker; Devin Meilstrup, music; Zach Smith, pastor.
20. First Church, Lumberton: 125th Anniversary, July 31; Service, 9:45 a.m., followed by lunch; "Singspiration" with reunion choir, 1 p.m.

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A prolife priority in the Mississippi primary

By Rob Chambers
Miss. Baptist Christian Action
Commission

On August 2, 2011, the primary election for statewide offices across Mississippi will take place. Included in this election will be all 52 seats in the Miss. Senate and all 122 seats in the Miss. House of Representatives. Miss. Senators and Representatives both serve four year terms before their seats are open for re-election or change.

The senatorial and representative candidates that Mississippi voters will elect this year will also be proposing, introducing, presenting, and voting on legislative bills over the next four years. With each new legislative session, thousands of bills are submitted and from those, only a fraction will have the potential to become law.

Over the past several years prolife legislation has been introduced in both chambers of the Miss. Legislature. As a result of the efforts of past legislative sessions, Miss. has passed several prolife laws which have made our state among the most prolife states

in the nation. In 2008, Mississippi was listed as the 7th most prolife state by national prolife group, Americans United for Life. This ranking of 7th in the nation was the result of the work of Miss. Legislative sessions prior to 2008. This ranking was inherited by the legislature elected in 2007 who began their four year term in 2008, and it is this same legislature who is now primarily responsible for the downgrade of Mississippi's prolife rating from 7th to 10th in the nation.

This downward trend since 2008 is certainly not due to the lack of solid, prolife legislation being introduced and considered by the Miss. Legislature. While the Miss. Senate and Miss. Senate leadership have supported prolife legislation, leadership in the Miss. House has not.

The downward trend of Mississippi's prolife ranking is due to a lack of prolife leadership of some of the committee chairmen in the Miss. House. These chairmen have

been responsible for considering prolife legislation and have allowed prolife legislation to die in committee without ever having a chance to be voted for on the floor of the Miss. House. However, there has been enough votes on the floor of the Miss. House to pass prolife legislation if prolife legislation had been passed out of these committees.

Chambers

Examples of recent prolife bills that have been introduced but died in the House are HB 656 and SB 2036. HB 656 proposed to make it a felony to transport a minor to another state for an abortion without parental consent. This bill died in a Miss. House committee. SB 2036 would have required physicians who perform abortions in clinics to be board certified in OB/GYN. It also died in a Miss. House committee.

Another bill that died in a Miss. House committee was a bill that has been introduced three years in a row. It is known as the Child Protection Act, SB 2498. If passed, it would have required mandatory reporting of sexual crimes

against minors, and mandatory retention of DNA of a fetus for the purpose of documenting the perpetrator of a sex crime against the minor, thus making it easier for prosecution. Again, this is the third year that committees in the Miss. House have failed to better protect the unborn by killing this bill.

As previously noted, these prolife bills have died in committee in the Miss. House, and such legislation would fair a much better chance of passing if Miss. House committee chairmen would allow prolife legislation to be introduced on the Miss. House floor for discussion and a vote.

When Mississippians elect a new Miss. House, these representatives will in turn elect and serve under a Speaker of the House of their own choosing for the next four years. The Speaker of the House in turn appoints chairmen of committees who will be considering prolife legislation.

If the leadership of these committees remains anti-life—that is opposition to protecting the most vulnerable and defenseless among us in our state, the unborn, and opposition to the fact that human life begins at conception or fertilization—then Mississippi will likely continue to move down in ranks as a prolife state.

The CAC will be making available on our website position statements on prolife issues by statewide candidates, including for the Miss. House and Senate. To see where your candidate stands on this issue or to see if they have completed their questionnaire, go to www.ChristianAction.com/blog/comments/election2011 OR go to www.ChristianAction.com and select 2011 Miss. Election Resources under Legislation and Politics. (As questionnaires are submitted, this website will be updated accordingly.)

The Christian's concern for citizenship is not merely a matter of understanding, but also of acting. The final test of our citizenship is not what we think and say, but what we do. Knowledge about our concerns related to moral, social, and ethical issues should then lead us to action. Vote your values, beliefs, and convictions.

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BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE Personal Relationship Galatians 4:1-7; 1 John 1:5-9, 3:1-3

By Beth Bowman

Galatians 4:1-7

The verses in Galatians give us a great understanding of the purpose of the death of Christ. In verses 4-5a we read "But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law." (NASB) The fullness of time tells us that the timing was perfect. Jesus came at the opportune time for God to present His redemptive plan. Jesus came not only as God's Son, but also as one born of a woman, born under the law. The eternal Son of God added humanity to His deity. Not only redemption but adoption! The last part of verse 5, "that we might receive the adoption as sons." (NASB), is an intentional

act from God on man's behalf. I have friends who have adopted children and they assure me, the process is laborious and intensive. Adoption does not happen accidentally. In this passage, our intentional adoption by God allows us the privilege to call God, Abba, Father or Daddy. We are His children forever.

1 John 1:5-9

This part of the lesson helps us to recognize and remember the light that Jesus brings to us in salvation. His cleansing and forgiveness is total. Not only are we forgiven from past sin but we have the chance to be freed from current sin. 1 John 1:9 was a verse I memorized as a teen in my Aetna's class at church: "If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and to



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cleanse us from all unrighteousness." What a promise. Our part is to confess, and he is faithful. We cannot walk in God's light unless we turn from walking in our own darkness. Coming to God in salvation means confession and repentance. Continuing to walk with him means confession and repentance. One of my favorite hymns I remember from my church in Ethel is "Heavenly Sunlight". This hymn was written in 1899 by George Jeffry Selley, an ordained Methodist minister. The first verse is, "Walking in sunlight all of my journey, over the mountains, through the deep vale; Jesus has said, 'I'll never forsake thee. Promise divine that never can fail.'" The chorus remind us, "Heavenly Sunlight, Heavenly Sunlight, Flooding my soul with Glory divine, Hallelujah, I am rejoicing, Singing His praises, Jesus is mine!"

1 John 3:1-3
God's love for us is limitless. He calls us His children. Not children born of a physical birth but a supernatural, indescribable, beautiful experience; God's children. We have today with His guidance a future with Him in Heaven. Regardless of the experience with biological or adoptive parents on earth, He is the perfect parent. Never forsaking, never busy, never forgetful. Jesus confirms that He is our brother in Hebrews 2:11 and the Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God in Romans 8:16. Theologian Matthew Henry writes, "Strange that the Holy God is not ashamed to be called our Father, and to call us His sons." (blueletterbible.org) Now, as children of God, we are expected to demonstrate what we have inherited from our Heavenly Dad through the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23 reminds us of the "fruit" or evidence of God's spirit in our lives. 1 John 4:7-8 tells us of the love for others that is evidence of our new spiritual heritage. As children of God,

we have an obligation to reflect our Father's heart.

I love being Arthur and Sue Sartain's daughter. I inherited many characteristics from them. I inherited my Mom's nose, My Dad's thick hair, and the hips of my mother's family. These physical characteristics identify me as part of them. It is part of my physical heritage. But none of this compares to spiritual heritage in the Lord. As a nine year old, I trusted Christ as my Savior at Ethel Baptist Church. I began to realize my sin separated me from a Holy God. I had learned sin must be paid for. Through a love that defies comprehension, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ to die in my place and pay for my disobedience. I prayed and asked for forgiveness and placed my trust in Jesus as my Savior and Lord. Forever a daughter of the Most Awesome God!

Bowman is Minister of Connection at First Church, Brandon, and a speaker for women's events.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE Keep Your Behavior In Line

Jeremiah 22:13-21

By Harold Simmons

Someone has said: "What you are doing speaks so loud that I can't hear what you are saying." I believe that is true in our relationship with the Lord. Several years ago there was a Broadman book entitled Believe and Behave. The title alone said much to me. Jeremiah spoke the same words of the Lord to God's people long before either the above saying or the book to which I referred was written. If we do believe on the Lord, then our life and actions should reflect that belief.

What Are You Building Your Reputation On?

(Jeremiah 22:13-14, 17)
The Lord's words were cutting, especially to the upper class of people in Judah. They

were making an ostentatious show of building very large, spacious houses for show. They were proclaiming their riches to anyone who would see the houses. Jeremiah proclaimed that this "show" of luxury was something built upon oppressive practices. Slave labor was used to build that which was to give credit to the owner. The truth of the matter was there was a very ugly side to these buildings.

Jehu said to an ally, "Come see how zealous I am for the Lord." That seems to be the cry of folks today. I want you to see how zealous I am for the Lord. When you view my life, I want you to see the good side, not how I really am. Our reputation needs to be built upon real faith that has us acting like we say we are.



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What Does it mean to know the Lord? (Jeremiah 22:15-16)
Jeremiah brought a message from the Lord that would lead one to think the Lord did not believe that the king was behaving as a king should. Having a palace does not a king make.

Jehoiakim was engaged in activities that demonstrated a very indulgent lifestyle. It was a lifestyle that took into account only the king, not the people nor the Lord. The Lord pointed to Jehoiakim's father as one who enjoyed the good life, followed the Lord and ruled his people with compassion for everyone. Josiah was a good example of what it means to know the Lord.

We use a lot of "church speak" in our conversation with other Christians that most people who are not related to the Lord in a saving relationship don't know the

meaning of. Knowing the Lord means that we are regulated by the ideals of service to God and others. It is vastly more than a simple awareness of who God is. Obedience to Him and love toward others means that we know who God is because God is love.

What Are the Consequences of Self-indulgence? (Jeremiah 22:18-19)
Jehoiakim thought he was at the top of the social order and that everyone envied him or wanted to be like him. The Lord said that he was sorely mistaken. For Jehoiakim the only thing that mattered was what he could get for himself. He had treated his subjects like so much trash to be swept up and thrown out. The Lord said to Jehoiakim that he would not be missed when he died. Herod in the New Testament was much the same man. He knew that people did not like him. He ordered that seventy respected men of the kingdom were to be killed on the day of his death so that someone would mourn

when he died. Sad, Sad also is the person who dies without the Lord in his/her life.

Is Your Behavior in Line? (Jeremiah 22:20-21)
The Lord invites the people of Judah to go to places where they thought they could expect help against their enemy who is coming. He wants them to see that they are quite alone in the judgment that is coming. God charges that they have never listened to Him since they were a young nation. The idea here is that they have not obeyed Him or kept the covenant He had established with them. They had willfully ignored the covenant that had been agreed upon.

There are many people who have willfully ignored God speaking to them about their relationship with Him. They are in our families. You may be one of them. If so, hear the words of the Lord about what is coming if you do not change.

Simmons is currently interim pastor at Cascilla Church, Cascilla

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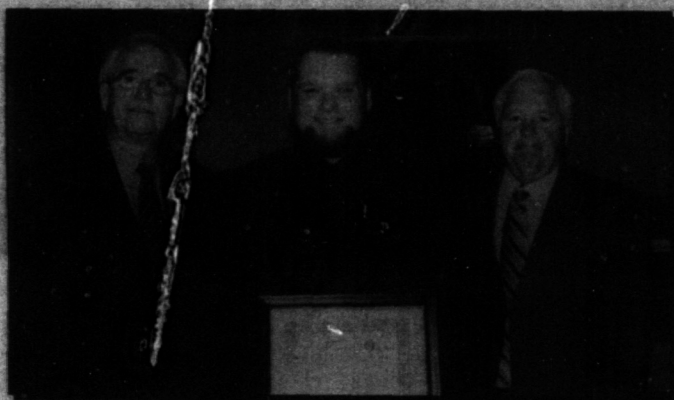
JUST FOR THE RECORD



6. Midway Church, Pontotoc



7. Yellow Creek Church, Iuka



8. Roundaway Church, Doddsville

1. Cedar View Church, Olive Branch, will hold a Community Singing July 16 at 6 p.m. Featured musicians will be the "Golden Aires."

2. First Church, Terry, will host a WorldCrafts Brunch July 16 at 10 a.m. in the church's Family Life Center.

3. Longview Church, Starkville, will host The Shadrix Trio as they present the gospel through music and praise, Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

4. Bunker Hill Church, Columbia, will hold a dedication service for the sanctuary, July 17, 2 p.m.

5. Holly Church, Alcorn, will present Dove award nominee No Other Name on July 31 at 6 p.m. John Boler, pastor.

6. Midway Church, Pontotoc, held a baby dedication. Shown are D.J. and Emily Fields with baby Jonah, Darrell and Elaina Waters with baby Hope and Pastor Tommy Tackett.

7. Yellow Creek Church, Iuka, honored all fathers present on Father's Day. Each father was given a book on prayer. Shown are the fathers with their gifts.

8. Roundaway Church, Doddsville, ordained Jep Peavy to the Gospel Ministry at the request of Ray Memorial Church, Boyle. Shown are Tommy

Williamson, Jep Peavy and Bob Hill, pastor of Roundaway Baptist Church.

9. The children of Vaiden Church, Vaiden, visited the Creation Museum in Hebron, Kentucky, June 11. The children are shown at the museum.

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10. Cedar View Church, Olive Branch, held a July 4th celebration July 2. Festivities included music, games, prizes and food.

11. Sylvarena Church, Wesson, honored the youngest father, the father with the most children present, and the oldest father present for Father's Day. Shown are Andrew Dowd, Dan Weeks and Pud Waltman.



9. Vaiden Church, Vaiden



11. Sylvarena Baptist Church, Wesson

COLLEGE NEWS

1. Mississippi College will host a two-day "Global Entrepreneur" workshop, July 26-27, at the Flowood Center. The workshop is designed for Mississippians with small and medium-sized companies involved in exporting business. "Global Entrepreneur" will also provide information for people who want to get started in the business. The Jackson-based Mississippi World Trade Center is sponsor-

ing the conference. Event speakers include Liz Cleveland, bureau manager for the Global Business Division of the Mississippi Development Authority, Carol Moore of the Mississippi Export Assistance Center of the U.S. Department of Commerce in Jackson, and Amy Simmons, outreach coordinator for the Southeast U.S. Trade Association in New Orleans.

2. The Mississippi College School of Law will host a gubernatorial debate, July 21, at the MC Law campus at 151 East Griffith Street, Jackson. WLBT-TV-3 in Jackson and its affiliates will air the debate live from 7-9 p.m., July 21. Immigration reform, economic development, education and plans to slice government spending are expected to be among the issues discussed during the debate.

3. First District U.S. Rep. Alan Nunnelee will serve as the keynote speaker at Mississippi College's summer commencement, Aug. 6. The program will begin at 10 a.m. at the A.E. Wood Coliseum at the Clinton campus. About 215 MC students are expected to receive diplomas.

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